

CHAPTER 8

8.0 MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW AND REVISIONS

8.1 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this chapter is to describe the process for reviewing and revising the LTMS Management Plan (Management Plan).

8.2 IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE

To ensure that the Management Plan is reviewed and, if necessary, revised, the LTMS agencies will fulfill the implementation measure, which is shown as bulleted, italicized text in Section 8.5.

8.3 MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The LTMS agencies recognize that public input is integral to the success of the program. Consequently, the agencies conducted a series of workshops on issues associated with implementation of the long-term strategy for dredging and disposal and development of the Management Plan. Public comments following the initial workshops resulted in revisions to the workshop process, including development of ground rules for discussion and increased opportunity for public input on workshop topics. A neutral facilitator was brought into the process to assist the group dialogue. The remaining Management Plan workshops focused on issues of concern identified by the interested public¹, rather than the LTMS agencies. The workshops provided the LTMS agencies with useful and necessary input from the public in evaluating potential management plan options and in developing implementation strategies.

8.4 MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW

The Management Plan will be subject to periodic review and modification to ensure that the document, and the implementation process, progress in step with a changing environment. During the first three years of implementation, the agencies will conduct annual reviews of progress. This annual review will ensure that implementation of the LTMS proceeds in a fashion acceptable to the LTMS agencies and the public, especially during this crucial first stage. After the initial three years, reviews every three years are expected to result in relatively minor "course changes" or modifications to the implementation strategy and are unlikely to require legislative changes. More comprehensive six-year reviews are likely to encompass Bay or Basin Plan amendments.

Each review of the Management Plan will be conducted by two lead agencies. For example, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

¹ Interested parties include project proponents, the environmental community, consultants and others. The LTMS agencies believe that workshop participants represent the full range of individuals and groups with an interest in dredging and dredged material disposal in the San Francisco Bay Area.

(USACE) will be lead agencies for the first review. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (SFBRWQCB) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) will perform the duties of lead agencies the following year, and so on. The agencies will solicit public input during each review stage.

Through the Management Plan workshop process, with the help of the interested parties, a list of criteria—divided into quantitative and qualitative categories—was developed by which the success of the Management Plan will be measured. These criteria are listed below:

8.4.1 Quantitative

- Ten percent increase in funding for upland disposal annually
- No lawsuits
- Acreage of Bay habitat restored using dredged material
- Increased number of approved alternatives to in-Bay disposal
- Available in-bay disposal capacity
- Document long-term trends and variability in dredging volumes
- Meet or beat transition glide path
- Depth of Alcatraz disposal site
- Footprint of Alcatraz and other sites
- Acreage of habitat created for threatened and endangered species
- Number of sites for material that is not suitable for unconfined aquatic disposal to be reused
- Adequate funding for LTMS
- Increased number of rehandling facilities
- Reduced cost for upland disposal
- Maintain navigability and project depths
- Reduced impact of dredged material on native species
- Reduced navigational incidents or accidents, i.e., groundings

8.4.2 Qualitative

- Do we have upland sites?
- Is regional planning under way?
- Healthier Bay
- Predictability of testing (Regional Implementation Manual approved/adopted)
- Documented participation of all stakeholders
- Local governments aware of LTMS process and taking action in reviewing dredging and disposal projects in support of LTMS (CEQA)
- Sustained regional economic contribution from maritime community
- Process for dredging is “predictable”
- Reduce uncertainty as to adverse effects of disposal or reuse of dredged material
- Consensus on nomenclature for suitability of dredged material
- In-Bay monitoring efforts of LTMS and RMP linked

8.5 MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW PROCESS

The LTMS agencies envision the following process for periodic reviews and revisions of the Management Plan:

- LTMS agencies collect and analyze data regarding implementation progress, including review of success criteria (ongoing).
- LTMS agencies conduct quarterly public workshops (Chapter 2).
- LTMS agencies announce initiation of review and revision process and request input from stakeholders through the USACE Public Notice process.
- LTMS agencies perform evaluation, based on identified success criteria (see Section 8.4) and prepare presentation for public (report).
- Issuance of LTMS progress report.
- Public workshop presenting LTMS agencies’ evaluation and solicitation of public input.
- Public review and comments.
- Revisions, as necessary, to address public comments.

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- LTMS agencies' public hearing.
- BCDC/SFBRWQCB vote (if necessary for Bay or Basin Plan amendments).
- Implement revisions.

To ensure review and, if necessary, revision of this Management Plan, the LTMS agencies implement the following measure:

- *During the initial three-year period of implementation, the LTMS agencies will produce an annual progress report of the program. Subsequently, the LTMS agencies will conduct three-year reviews. A more comprehensive review resulting in policy changes, if necessary, will be conducted every six years.*